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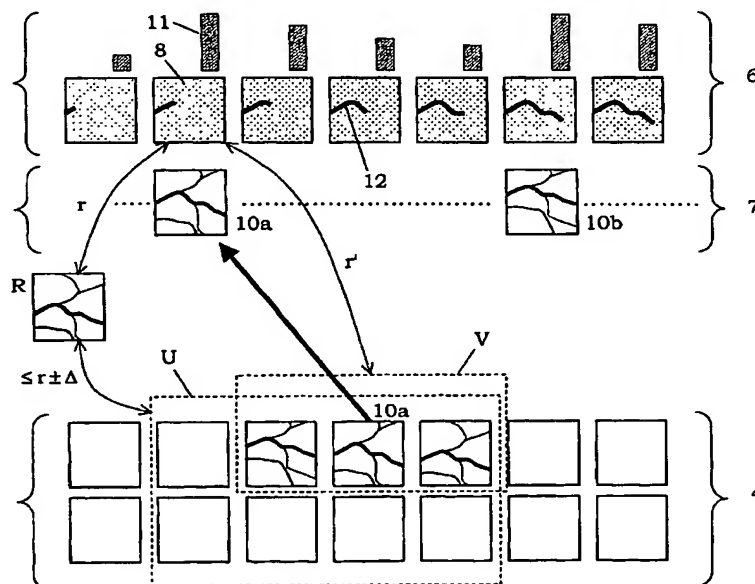
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(54) Title: ASSOCIATING STORED IMAGES WITH CURRENT IMAGES



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to the association of a current (X-ray image) image of a body volume with one of several stored previous images, the ECG and the respiratory cycle being determined each time together with the images. Using this data, that one of the previous images is chosen which is closest to the current image in respect of cardiac rhythm and respiratory cycle. The resultant association yields a very high accuracy enabling superposed reproduction of the current image and the associated previous image.



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corresponding image determination unit using
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corresponding image determination unit comprising a body
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